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Transition Into Renaissance

The following is the text of the Declaration made by the Indian Youth Congress at its national convention held at Jawaharnagar recently.

This momentous national convention of the Indian Youth Congress, meeting at the time of great stirrings in all spheres of national life, has a tremendous significance. The fact that the biggest-ever convention in the history of the Indian Youth Congress has been heldin this remote [illegible] unity of the progressive youths of the country and increasing strength of the organisation in particular. The unprecedented enthusiasm with which Yuvanagar is throbbing to-day will definitely spread through the length and breadth of the nation and add extra zeal to the onwarp march of the Indian youth. The Indian Youth Congress has emerged as one of the most effective instruments of the nation's historic transformation and this convention is bound to leave the organisation stronger, united and more dedicated.

YOUTH IN FREEDOM MOVEMENT

It was the youths' indomitable enthusiasm and their tireless and tenacious efforts that helped the country steer through the pre-Independence days turmoil. It [illegible] country's future by refusing to go for anything short of complete Independence. And it was again the youths, who shed their blood and paid dearly and rocked the mighty empire to its very foundation till it came down tumbling in our country. History has always set the major

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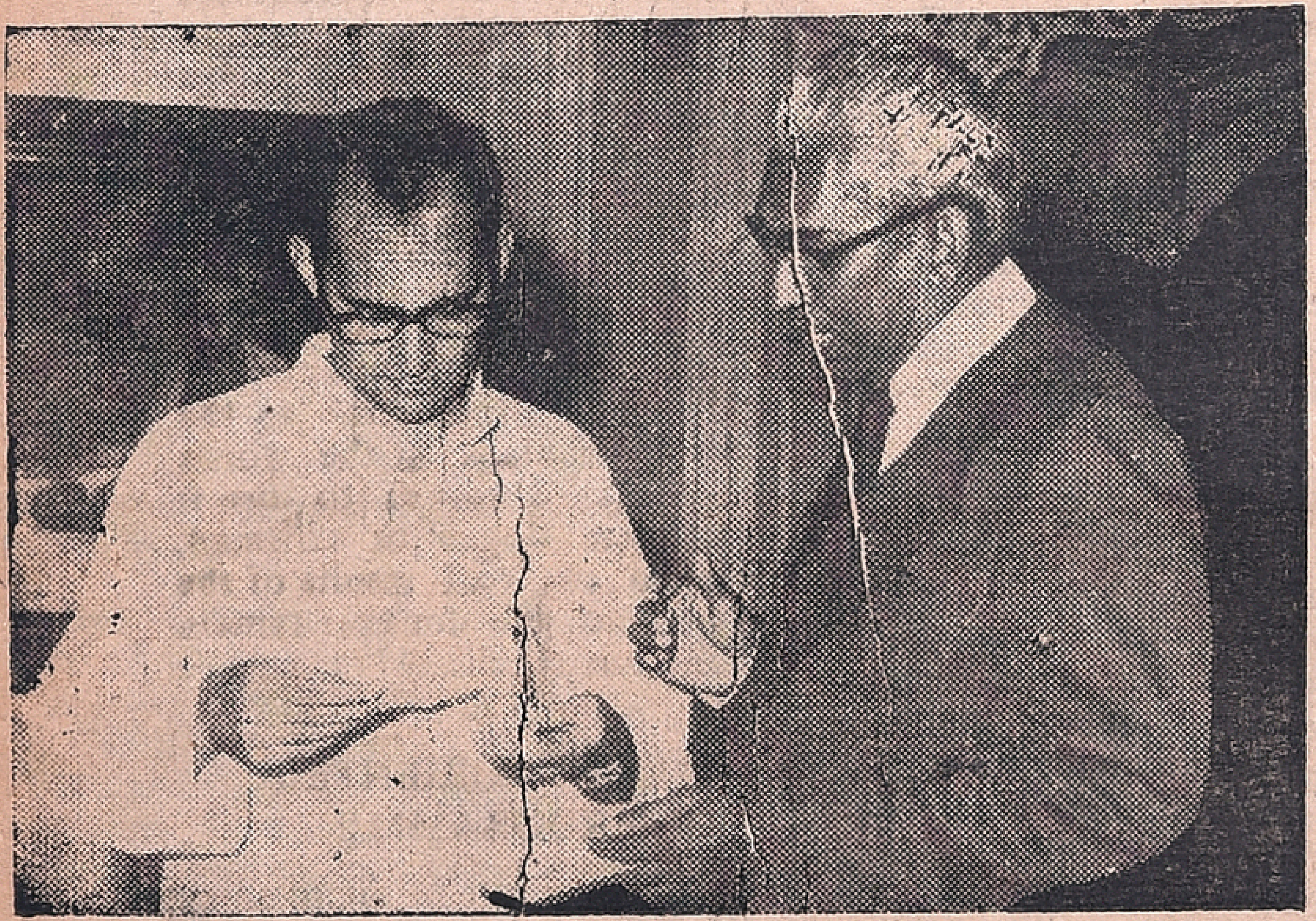

Mr. S. H. Syed Yusuff of Shaik Mohamed Rowther & Co. is seen presenting a cheque for Rs. 45,000/- (donation to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund) to Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, All India Youth Congress leader, who came down to Madras to personally asses the damage caused by the recent rains and give solace to the flood victims.—Photo A. Arumugam.

Words To Remember

Addressing members of National Council of the National Student's Union of India, the Prime Minister said that many powerful elements, groups and individuals in the country and outside "are still wanting to derail our train of progress."

Perhaps they have so surrounded themselves with hatred and bitterness that these clouds are not enabling them to see the future or even the realities of the present...... We are not out of danger yet." Unfortunately there were one or two states from where the talk of separation was sometimes heard. The talk sometimes died down and was heard again.

But after the proclamation of emergency, some outside forces had been trying to encourage this talk and giving it publicity although it had no force or backing in India. I have no doubt that they are getting money also. Otherwise this kind of propaganda could not be carried on.

The student wing of any party was a very important wing. The students of this country had played a vital role in the freedom struggle and we expect students to play a vital role in the struggle for development and to make freedom more real to all sections and regions of the country.

Politics was of two types. One was the politics of freedom, "which involved all of us in a much larger cause." The second type was the career type of politics. "I am not saying that all congressmen were not involved in this type of politics, but as a party, our aim has been not to get involved in it."

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

During our earthly existence there will always be labels. I, therefore, prefer to retain the label of my forefathers so long as it does not cramp my growth and does not debar me from assimilating all that is good anywhere else.

ASOKA SCENTED BETEL NUT POWDER

Free India

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ROAD ACCIDENTS

Road accidents involving nationalised transport vehicles are on the increase.

Not a day passes without reports of some gruesome deaths on the road.

The causes are many: Too many vehicles of all types on the road, bad maintenance of vehicles and roads, insufficient training of drivers, low replacements, overcrowding in buses and to an extent rash and negligent driving.

All these can be rectified with a little more attention to planning, with regard to maintenance and training.

In this connection, the city Police commissioner, Mr. K. Senthamarai, has asked the traffic officials to check up periodically the licences of PTC drivers at their respective depots.

He has suggested special intensive training at the PTC driving school for those who have taken out licences recently and found involved in accidents. Instead of frowning at drivers in such miserable plight, this will be a constructive and humanitarian approach.

This can be usefully followed in the districts also, where the Corporation buses are dreaded like killers let loose on roads.

For other drivers also a fresh check-up of the driving capacity can be made at the time of renewal of driving licences.

Pedestrians and cyclists also contribute to the large number of accidents. Very often, the behaviour of the victims in traffic accidents is ignored and the bus, lorry and car drivers alone are blamed.

A big drive to develop a road sense among the pedestrians and cyclists is also called for.

Shri Sanjay Gandhi addressing Youth Congress men during his visit to the city last week. To his left are Tamilnadu Governor Shri Sukhadia, K. Jagaveerapandian, President TNYC, and Javeed Ghatala, President DYC; To his left is Mr. K. Ramalingam, Sr. Vice President, TNYC.—Photo A. Arumugam.

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Transition Into Renaissance

tasks before the youths and they have always accomplished them with sincerity, determination and success. We declare once again and assure the nation that this glorious tradition is not a thing of the past—it is something really alive wherefrom we shall continue to draw our inspiration and guidance. Indian youths are poised to-day to emerge as the builders of the country, as fore unners of a new social and economic order, for which this nation has waited so long.

NEW ROLE

India passes to-day through a process of transformation—one which does not leave any aspect of our national life unaffected. The state of Emergency, meant to guard the country's integrity in the face of the conspiracies and challenges of reactionary and other anti-national elements, has in fact done more than what it outwardly signifies. It has brought back into bold relief the cherished ideals of the nation, which were the product of the genius of our people, but were temporarily eclipsed by the dark forces of negation and reaction. The present chapter of our history is marked by a blossoming of the nation's creative talents and a transition into a new renaissance. The youths are again prepared to give everything they have for the country's future. History had once assigned the task of helping in the liberation of India from the foreign yoke to the youth. They are now called upon to begin another revolution, that of infusing richer content to formal freedom and breaking all chains, which were the relics of the colonial past.

The political climate in the country has brightened up to-day beyond recognition. Politics has once again emerged as politics of service as different from politics of power. The Constitution has been amended to suit the changed times and to more distinctly confirm and codify the people's aspirations for a better social and economic order, for a socialist, scular and democratic society. We congratulate Parliament, the guardian of our democratic ideals, on its correct appreciation of the people's yearnings and aspirations. But the improvement in the political climate is not enough in itself unless conditions are best utilised to bring about an economic transformation.

The 20-point economic programme was wisely initiated by the Prime Minister immediately after the declaration of Emergency and is a matter of great relief that the programme, being the most faithful embodiment in words of the nation's cherished dreams, took hardly any time to capture the people's imagination and stirup an unprecedented upsurge of constructive activities throughout the country. But we declare that it will be totally wrong and harmful to nurture any sense of complacency now or in future. The programme, as enunciated by the Prime Minister, is not a programme bound within the narrow limits of an arithmetical number. It is the blueprint of a total economic revolution, which is poised to engulf not only the entire nation but its future as well. The 20-point programme will never be a thing of the past but will remain the solid foundation for building up a just and socialist society. We the youth of India, decry all attempts to confine the programme to the narrow meanings of the words it is couched in, or to turn it into a mere slogan or talisman, for then the real results of the programme will for ever remain beyond our reach.

VILLAGE-ORIENTED PROGRAMME

We the youth of the country realise that a nation's economy and politics are inseparable. The Congress Party has always stressed that there can be no political freedom without economic freedom. Politics in India is sterile and democracy meaningless if the millions of poor, suffering

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Solving Urban Over Crowding: Indian Expert's Suggestion

By BHASKARAN THOMAS

"If we are to control the problem of urban housing, we should at the same time look at the problem of rural housing."

This was a view presented by a Madras participant at an international symposium on housing held in the United States recently. Housing experts of thirty-eight countries gathered at Atlanta, Georgia, under the sponsorship of the International Association for Housing Science and Clemson University, South Carolina.

Among the participants was Prof. G.S. Ramaswamy, Director, Structural Engineering Research Centre and Coordinating Director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Madras.

Prof. Ramaswamy feels that if immigration to the cities is to be arrested, living conditions and employment opportunities in villages must improve. "In India," he says, "the problem can be easily solved if we apply our minds to it because our cities have not reached the point of overcrowding as Tokyo or New York."

MAKE RURAL LIVING ATTRACTIVE

Prof. Ramaswamy further stated that since the Indian population is primarily dependent on agriculture, it should be possible to arrest the rush to cities by making rural living more attractive.

The CSIR Director is of the view that this can be done by developing good suburbs with adequate transport facilities as in the U.S. "We are aiming to do the same here through the metropolitan development programme," he notes.

COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES NEEDED

On the question of speedy construction of houses Prof. Ramaswamy suggested the on-site pre-fabrication method of construction, which is currently catching up in Madras City at Besant Nagar. "European factory-oriented systems are capital-intensive, presuppose an assured demand and need special trailers and good highways for hauling heavy prefabricated items from the factory to the site. Hence they are not the answer for less developed countries. "This idea," he adds, "was widely acclaimed at the Atlanta symposium."

The Indian housing expert strongly favours cooperation between the developed and developing countries to solve the problem of housing. "This," he says, "can be in the form of research. Of course the developing countries can provide much valuable information (on the subject) since they are experiencing and handling such a problem."

"India," says Prof. Ramaswamy," is one of those countries which is specially placed in this regard because we have the third largest technological manpower in the world and therefore (are) in a position to provide this kind of cooperation in the formation of a mixed faculty of housing experts."

MUTUAL BENEFIT

Since his return to Madras, Prof. Ramaswamy has been following up his discussions with his counterparts at the Atlanta symposium through correspondence. He hopes many of them will have occasion to see what is being done in India to solve the housing problem when they participate in the international seminar on low-cost housing scheduled to be held at Madras in January next year. The International Association of Housing Science will be one of the co-sponsors of the seminar.

Prof. Ramaswamy first visited the U.S. in 1945 on an Indian government scholarship as a graduate student and was at the California Institute of Technology for three years. He revisited the country in 1959 as a member of an Indian delegation sent by the National Productivity Council. "On that occasion we had the opportunity to go round the U.S. and discuss the latest advances in factory construction," he says.

In 1962, he was invited by the National Academy of Sciences to be the chairman of the World Conference on Shell Roofs at San Francisco. Following the conference, Prof. Ramaswamy was invited by eight American universities to present seminars on shell roofs. "As a fallout to this, McGraw Hill Book Company asked me to write up my lectures which appeared in book form with the title "Design and Construction of Shell Roofs" and it is currently used as a text and reference work in many American universities," he observes.

The CSIR Director urges closer links between Indian and American housing experts. "If this is brought about, I think it will be to mutual advantage," he says and adds: "Today we've reached a stage where the U.S. and India are in a position to cooperate with mutual benefit."

A GREAT PITY

A young lady, noted for her outspokenness, was on a visit to a wealthy but rather elderly bride.

"And do you know my dear, on the third day of our honeymoon George won a football pool."

"Great Heavens!" exclaimed the outspoken one, "three days too late!"

Ambitious Plan To Make Sahara Bloom

Bonn (DaD) - Now the water table beneath the parched expanses of the Sahara has been tapped geologists reckon the desert's days are numbered. With an estimated sixty billion cubic metres of fresh water ready and waiting 1,000 metres underground the Sahara can be made to bloom.

Firms and engineers from the Federal Republic of Germany are playing their part in a UNESCO project, boring wells, establishing reservoirs, building windbreaks, roads, power lines, schools and community centres. But the nerve centre of every community is the pipeline that bears water to standpipes and irrigation devices.

Flexible cast iron pipes with simple but reliable socket joints from the Federal Republic prove ideally suited for desert use. Semi-skilled nomads set up one pipe-laying record after another

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Radio-Link With Trapped Miners

Bonn (DaD) - Rescue workers may well reach trapped miners faster when disaster next strikes pitmen in the Federal Republic of Germany. The Bonn Ministry of Research and Technology is investing 1.3 million deutschmarks in a new radio link that should improve communications to and from the pitface.

The radio links currently used to maintain contact down the mines are not universally effective, since they are not tied to reach isolated galleries. The new system will use ultra-long waves of 100 kilometres and more, says Minister Hans Matthofer. These radio waves should definitely reach miners deep in the bowels of the Earth.

So when the alarm is sounded because a pit slide is imminent each and every pitface worker can be reached and told to proceed to the nearest evacuation point. What is more, as soon as miners are trapped they can immediately notify the pithead and help rescue teams to locate them and clear an escape route.

The Art Of Procrastination

The Procrastinators Club of America regularly celebrates "Be late for Some-thing Day" by putting off until next year. Les Wass, its president, says this helps the members "to appreciate the art of procrastination". The Club has been in existence of for twenty years and has 3,000 members.

BE INDIAN
BUY INDIAN

Perfume Sentries

Berlin (DaD) - Moths are lured to their doom in municipal grain warehouses in West Berlin by the simple expedient of infinitesimal quantities of the scent the females use to attract males. The tender trap has been devised by Berlin scientists working in conjunction with biologists at the Max Planck Institute in Seewiesen, near Munich.

Nobel Prize-winning chemist Professor Adolf Butenandt discovered in the late fifties at the Max Planck Biochemistry Institute, Munich, that male and female insects do not mate by instinct. The females emit minute quantities of organic compounds known as pheromones. The smell of a single molecule is enough to turn a young male moth's fancy to thoughts of the other sex.

Now a number of pheromones can be synthesised they are increasingly used in pest control. They are preferable to conventional insecticides in that they are in no way toxic and harm neither other flora nor fauna. What is more, insects never develop immunity to the smell sex, whereas they can grow immune to insecticides after a few generations. Insecticides can hardly be used in warehouses, certainly not where foodstuffs are stored, so synthetic pheromones prove invaluable sentries.

FUN AND LAUGHTER

PRECAUTION !

An Aberdenian was on a visit to canada. There he met a Canadian who asked him where he came from.

"Scotland," replied the Aberdenian.

"Give me your hand," said the stranger. "And what town do you come from?"

"Aberdeen."

"Give me both your hands," said the Canadian. "The last man, I met from Aberdeen pinched my watch."

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BUTTING IN

The philanthropic woman was visiting a school.

To test the brightness of a group of rather dull pupils, she asked:—

Children, which is the greatest of all virtues? Think a little, what am I doing when I give up time and pleasure to come down to talk to you for your own good?"

A grimy fist went up.

"Well, what am I doing?"

"Please, ma'am, buttin' in!"

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LITTLE ODDS

"Fancy a girl wearing a flimsy frock like that with this cold wind blowing!" exclaimed a grim-looking woman. "She's absolutely gambling with life and death.'

"Well, dear," remarked her husband with a grin, "you can't say she's a heavy gambler. She's only got a little bit on!"

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THE REPLY

Lawyer: "Have you ever been in jail?"

Witness: 'Yes, sir once."

"Ah! For how long?"

"Long enough to whitewash a cell which was to be occupied by a lawyer who had robbed, dozens of his clients."

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FUNNY

An amateur angler who was not up to the tricks of the game had been whipping the water without success for an hour or so when the bailiff marched up.

"Are you aware." said the new-comer, menacingly, "that this is preserved water?"

"Is it?" said the angler. "I thought there was something dam' funny about it."

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ENOUGH

Scotsman: "How much to press a pair of trousers?"

Assistant: "One shilling."

"Then press one leg for sixpence. I'm having my photograph taken side view."

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POLITICIANS

A certain politician who had just been appointed to the control of the currency was introduced to a beautiful film star. The coyly asked him if he would have her picture put on the first currency he printed.

After a moment's hesitation, the official answered gallantly: "I'm so sorry, but as you know, the Prime Minister is opposed to hoarding. And I know that if the young men got their hands on notes with your picture, they'd never let them go."

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UNCONCERNED

A placid old lady, who took life very philosophically, sat knitting in the drawing-room. To her came rushing her ten-year-old grand-daughter.

"Oh, granny," cried the girl. "Daddy's just fallen off the roof!"

"I know, my child," said the old lady, without even raising her eyes. "I saw him pass the window."

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THOUGHTLESS

"Congratulations my dear," cooed his sweetheart's mother after he had been accepted. "So you're to be my son-in-law!"

"Good gracious!" he exclaimed. "I hadn't thought of that!"

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THE COWARD

She: "Get up, dear, there's a burglar downstairs"

He: "You go darling. He'll think twice before he strikes a woman."

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NO BOAST

High words were flying between husband and wife.

At last the man snapped. "You've never done anything without boasting about it."

"Oh, yes I have," replied the wife.

"And what?" sneered the husband.

"I married you."

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WASTE OF TIME

"Dad, did you have to learn to write and speak French when you were at school?"

"Yes, my boy—why?"

"Oh, I dunno! To me it seems a waste of time trying to do some thing the French can do much better."

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READY ANSWER

A boy fresh from school was given an appointment by a businessman, with a view to entering into his employment. After testing his knowledge in various directions, the interviewer rapped out: "The first essential in business is a large fund of general knowledge. Tell me my boy for what was Louis XIV chiefly responsible?"

Without a second's hesitation the boy answered "Louis XV sir."

SUGGESTION

"Professors," said Miss Dingley. "I want you to suggest a course in life for me. I have thought of journalism —."

"What are your own inclinations?"

"Oh my soul yearns and throbs and pulsates with an ambition to give the world a life-work that shall be marvellous in its scope and weirdly entrancing in the vastness of its structural beauty?"

"Woman, you're born to be a millionaire."

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INSULT

District Councillor: "This public meeting has been called to support the new movement for preserving our rural beauties —"

Village Spinster (going out indignantly): "I think it's an insult to suggest that we need preserving?"

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SHORT

At a reception guests were being announced and the man announced Mr. Gilbert, Mrs. Gilbert, Master Gilbert, and Miss Gilbert.

The host accosted them and angrily [illegible] something shorter."

The next batch of guests were Mr. Penny, Mr. Penny and Miss Penny.

The admonished servant announced, "Three pence."

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NO USE

The lawyer on the prosecution in cross examination, was trying to make the witness admit that there was such a thing as a miracle.

"Let us suppose that you were on the top of a ten storey building," he began. "And let us suppose, further that you fell from the top of this building upon the pavement in the street below and suffered no injury whatever. Wouldn't that be a miracle?"

"No sir, that would merely be an accident," stated the witness.

The Lawyer smiled.

"Possibly," he admitted "But let us suppose that you fell from the top of this tenstory building a second time and for a second time were uninjured. Would you not then term it a miracle!"

"No sir," the witness replied unhesitatingly. "That would be merely a coincidence."

The lawyer was a bit nonplussed, but determined to try again.

"Suppose you fell a third time and were again uninjured. That would surely be a miracle!"

"No sir," insisted the witness "I should call it a habit then!"

ONE BETTER

Two actors appearing in a third-rate touring show which was playing a costume play had met a good Samaritan in the local hostelry.

They had been plied with strong drink and, to put it nicely, were somewhat more than mellow when they arrived at the theatre.

When the first actor made his appearance as the Earl of Essex his speech was so slurred and his step so uncertain that a man in the gallery shouted: "You're blind drunk!"

Whereupon the actor said in his grandest manner: " May be, but wait till you see the Duke of Buckingham!"

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THE WORST

"I don't know anything worse than letting the wife find a letter you've forgotten to post," said one man nervously as he turned out various pockets.

"Oh, I do," said his companion. "What about letting her find one you forgot to burn?"

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THICK-SKINNED

A country relative came to visit a city couple. He enjoyed his visit so much that he stayed on and on. The couple became impatient over his extended visit. Finally the young husband one day hinted broadly.

"Say, John. don't you think that your wife and children must be missing you?"

"Gee, thanks for reminding me," said John gratefully, "I'll send for them rightaway."

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POLITICS

A congressional committee was in conference.

"Gentlemen" announced the chairman, "we have 150 million dollars to spend which if handled right, will get us thousands of votes.

"Let's build a bridge across the Missisippi," suggested one. "But that will take only a few million," objected the chairman.

"Not that way I mean," said the other. "Let us build it lengthwise to the river."

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RUN OVER

"Traffic accidents are on the increase," observed an old gentleman, "It says here in this paper that in New York a man is run over every half hour."

"My, my," murmured the wife sympathetically. "Poor fellow."

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WELL WARNED

Misstress, to new maid—"When you wait on the guests at dinner tonight, Mabel, don't wear any jewellery."

Mabel—"I've nothing very valuable, Ma'am, but thanks for the warning.'.

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NET INCOME

'What is your gross income?"

"I have no gross income."

"No income at all?"

"No gross income, I have a net income. I'm in the fish business."

For The Week 5th December To 11th December 1976

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadra-pada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadra-pada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

MILDLY favourable period. You will be able to solve some of your problems by the end of this month. Financial position will improve. Family members will be cooperative. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications. Avoid journeys unless necessary. Avoid speculative investments. Favourable days 6th & 7th.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

MIXED results are indicated. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. You should avoid legal complications. Partnership matters could be finalised. Changes in working conditions are indicated. You may be undertaking a journey shortly. Avoid friction with associates. Favourable days 8th & 9th.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

MIXED results are indicated Promotional possibilies are bright. But you should avoid friction with superiors. Change of place is indicated. Financial position will not be satisfactory. Avoid speculative investment. You should take extra care regarding health. Matters relating to children should be handled properly to avoid complications. Partnership matters could be finalised. Favourable days 10th & 11th.

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KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

YOU should wait for some more time to implement your programme. Financial position will not be satisfactory. Speculative investment should be avoided. Partnership matters requires attention. Health requires care. Avoid friction with associates. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Favourable days 8th & 9th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. You can expect cooperation from family members. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Financial position will improve. Property matters could be finalised. Speculative gains are also indicated. Promotional possibilities are bright. Favourable days 6th & 7th.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to start new ventures. You should make best use of this opportunity to improve your prospects. Promotional possibilities are bright. Property matters could be finalised. Financial position will improve. You may be undertaking a journey shortly. Avoid friction with associates. Favourable days 8th & 9th.

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THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MIXED results are indicated. You should be able to solve your problems with the help of your partners. Financial position will not be satisfactory. Problems relating to transport and communication are indicated. Legal matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Your efforts will start paying after a couple of weeks. Favourable days 10th & 11th.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

MILDLY favourable period. You should be able to finalise partnership matters. Health requires attention. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Financial position will improve. You will be undertaking a journey shortly. Avoid friction with associates. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. You should be prepared for unexpected events on 6th & 7th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula-Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. Promotional possibilities are bright. You should also be prepared for transfer during this month. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. You should handle legal matters properly to avoid complications. Avoid friction with associates. Avoid impulsive actions on 8th & 9th.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana-Dhanistha 1/2

MILDLY favourable period. You can expect cooperation from your superiors. You should make best use of this opportunity to improve your projects. Financial position will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. You will be undertaking short journeys frequently. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 10th & 11th.

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. You should try to utilise this opportunity to improve your prospects. Promotional possibilities are bright. Financial position will improve. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Speculative gains are also indicated. Avoid friction with associates. Favourable day 8th & 9th.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

MILDLY favourable period. You will be able to solve some of your problems from the end of this week. Financial position will improve. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children should be handled properly to avoid complications. Avoid speculative investments. Promotional possibilities are bright. Avoid travel unless necessary. Favourable days 10th & 11th.

How To Improve Gram Yields?

The gram growers should aim at stepping up the production by 250 kg per hectare this rabi.

They can do so by adopting the improved practices.

Many of the farmers must have already sown the seeds by now as the optimum sowing time advocated by the experts is around the middle of October. If not, they must do it now using a Seed-rate of 40 to 60 kg per hectare and in rows about 30 cm apart.

The use of Diammonium phosphate at 85 to 100 kg per hectare has been found to boost the gram yield greatly.

At this stage, farmers must keep a constant vigil lest the pests like cut-worms, pod-borers and diseases like blight and wilt attack the crop and ruin the prospect of a big profit. Dusting of the crop with 10 per cent BHC at 25 kg per hectare controls the cut-worms and pod-borers.

Within the forty days of sowing, it is better to nip the tips of the young plants. This leads to a higher yield.

An irrigation in December or early January reduces the chances of wilt, protects the crop from frosts and increases the yield considerably. (F.I.U.)

Muscovite's Diary

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NEHRU'S BIRTH-DAY IN MOSCOW

"It was precisely Jawaharlal Nehru who laid the foundations of India's cooperation with Soviet Union", declared I.A. Benediktov, former Soviet Ambassador to India and Vice-President of the Soviet—Indian Friendship Society, speaking at a meeting in the Moscow Friendship House to mark the 87th birth anniversary of Nehru. Benediktov continued, "Jawaharlal Nehru visited the Soviet Union three times. Sharing his impressions on his trips round the Soviet Union he spoke time and again of its great achievements which resulted in the diligence of its people inspired by great aims and noble ideals".

In conclusion he noted that Jawaharlal Nehru was a great humanist, a man whose sympathies were always on the side of oppressed and destitute peoples. He was an outstanding thinker and leader, a man whose name lives on in the memories of those who really hold dear the cause of peace, democracy, social justice and equality.

Mr. I.K. Gujral, India's Ambassador to the USSR speaking on the occasion noted that the foundations of cooperation and friendship with the Soviet Union laid by Jawaharlal Nehru were consolidated and expanded from year to year".

Mr. N.V. Goldin, Minister of the USSR and President of the Soviet—Indian Friendship Society inaugurated the meeting.

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UNPRECEDENTED WELCOME TO BREZHNEV IN YUGOSLAVIA

The tremendous, rather unprecedented, reception accorded in Belgrade to the Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was well anticipated. The milling and surging crowds on the streets in Belgrade, cheering and applauding their Soviet guest, was an ample manifestation of atmosphere of sincerity and mutual trust existing between Moscow and Belgrade.

One thing that clearly emerged from Brezhnev's parleys and discussions with Tito is that all the Western propaganda and all their hullabaloo on "aggressive Soviet designs against Yugoslavia" have brought forth quite the contray results.

The Soviet Party leader treated the Western insinuations with the contempt they deserved. After having reiterated once more the basic principles guiding the attitude of the CPSU, Soviet state and Soviet people towards socialist Yugoslavia, as he said were based on (1) complete equality (2) non-interference in each other's internal affairs, (3) mutual considerations, common concern for peace and (4) communist internationalism. Leonid Brezhnev said that if all this was "aggression", then "we are aggressors and we sincerely confess it."

Belgrade talks have once more confirmed the high esteem in which the Soviet leadership holds the contribution of non-aligned nations to peace. As the Soviet leader said, the Soviet Union believes that co-operation between the USSR and the non-aligned nations will contribute to ensure for humanity a future free from the danger of a nuclear war. Brezhnev paid due tributes to Marshal Tito for his role in this field.

President Tito of Yugoslavia fully reciprocated the sentiments expressed by his Soviet guest and he particularly mentioned the great efforts Leonid Brezhnev was personally making in the noblest cause of mankind—stable peace on earth.

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QUAKE-PROOF HOMES

The time will come when people living in earthquake areas live in tall, spring-mounted blocks and barely notice even a force-8 quake.

Such buildings are already being tested in Ashkabad, Soviet Central Asia, a meeting of designers of quake-resistant buildings in Kishinev was told.

Steel springs between the foundations and superstructure automatically absorb all tremors and will last for decades.

The meeting was also told of other types built experimentally in the Caucasus, Crimea and other places, in which absorbant pads rest on rollers or ball-bearings which greatly reduce the effect of shocks.

The city of Tashkent, rebuilt after the great earth-quake of 1966, is ample testimony to the efficacy of Soviet quake-proofing. Some 150,000 homes have been built since, including the first ten-to-20-storey blocks.

THE KITTENISH SQUIRRELS

When bulldozers were clearing scrub from a site needed for a construction on the edge of the village of Svech, in the Volga basin, two baby squirrels were found in the remains of a squirrel's nest.

One of the site workers took them home, where they were adopted by Mashka, the family cat, who had lost her own kittens two days before.

On Mashka's milk the young squirrels are doing well, and are already using all the curtains and furniture in the home as climbing frames.

When they play in the garden, Mashka protects them from dogs—with the same intensity as if they were her own.

When they're tired of playing, they get in through the fanlight, just as youngsters of their own age in the wild might get into their homes through a hole in a tree trunk.

Gold in Nostalgia

One hundred dollars for a forty-year-old copy of "Life" magazine, 2,000 dollars for some issues of comic books, hundreds of dollars for tip trays, the small dishes that waiters bring change on, 150 dollars for some Shirley Temple dolls, scores of dollars for windup toys, campaign buttons and tin boxes. Such are the prices of the 'nostalgia items' sold in the New York shop owned by Bob and Rita Brand. They are not curios, however, but simply things helping elderly Americans recapture their past. "There's Gold in that Nostalgia" is how "U. S. News and World Report" headlined its article about this prosparrous business.

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Louder Than Concorde

Colonel (ret.) Jean Hercisse and his wife are suing the Crazy Horse Saloon in Paris for 250,000 francs, claiming that the noise made by its band has deprived them of sleep and peace. Tests have shown, they say, that the show at the Saloon produces 120 decibels at full blast, or ten more than the Concorde.

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Still At It

The "Stars and Stripes", U.S. armed forces newspaper, recently ran a twelve-part series about American servicemen's illegal dealings in West Germany. Last year alone the West German customs officials investigated about 3,400 cases involving GIs. They trade in goods they buy at cheap prices in military post exchanges—whisky, cigarettes, petrol and stereo equipment. A carton of cigarettes bought at $1.70 sells at three to five times this price (in West German shops it can cost the equivalent of $10) a $6 bottle of wisky fetches two or three times as much, etc. Heidelberg customs officials recently confiscated 4,000 bottles of whisky and 5,000 cartons of cigarettes from GI'S.

Better Deal

M.P. Gwilym Roberts recently said in a letter to British Transport Minister Bill Rodgers that the planned increase in railway and bus fares by 15 to 20 per cent on January 1 will make flying in the supersonic Concorde a better deal than travelling in an Underground train. The Concords fares work out at 16.5 pence a mile, and the same mile on the London Underground between Waterloo and Piccadilly Circus costs 22 pence.

Nothing Unlawful

"I want to give the viewer a shock," West German artist Otto Dressler said. Apparently, he did. For, the paintings he exhibited at the Dusseldorf art fair in West Germany made people shudder. Dressler used parts of the human body in his "death paintings." The local Institute of Anatomy protested against this, but the prosecutor's office said that Dressler had not violated the law.

"All About Divorce"

American millionaire David Levine, 58, held an all-day seminar called "All About Divorce" in New York's Madison Square Garden, starring himself. His message was about how to get the most advantageous divorce settlement inexpensively. Shortly before that he divorced, and it had cost him $60,000. And to rent the Garden, which accommodates several thousand people, and organize the seminar cost him $100,000, says the *"New York Times"*

Renown

Sixty-nine-year-old Renato Renato Datti, the "king of Neapolitan pickpockets," was arrested for the 135th time when at work in a bus. He proudly declared that he was known as a past master at his trade in Paris too.

Concomitants of Unemploymant

A survey conducted among the French unemployed—engineers, technicians and office workers—show that 40 per cent of them fall seriously ill three months after losing their jobs. Another survey among several hundred persons laid off at the same time revealed that 89 per cent of them suffered from depression and 78 per cent lost appetite.

Sex Differences

There are many things in which women are physically superior to men. According to British psychologist Diane McGuinnes, women's hearing is sharper than men's; women can tolerate brighter lights and see objects in dim light, and are more sensitive to red and orange long wavelength light. Men, though, are better at reading small print.

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Transistion Into Renaissance

masses are allowed to suffer and live in a sub-human manner. The 20-point programme has received such tumultuous support from the masses and youth because this is the first unambiguous, programatic plan to raise the people from their abysmal existence. Throughout the length and breadth of the nation, young men and women are helping in the implementation of the 20-point programme in every way they can. An extremely significant aspect of this new economic programme is that it is largely village-oriented. Eradication of poverty should begin at the grass root level.

The Indian Youth Congress declares that all its workers have taken a pledge to work from the panchayat and block level, largely through the inspiring and stirring leadership of Mr. Sanjay Gandhi. The 20-point economic programme, combined with the 5-point socio-cultural programme, is the charter of a complete national revolution. We the youth India, also declare that while we shall make the best use of the latest technological know-how in the overall advancement of the country, we will always assimilate it first with the genius of our people and the variegated culture of our land.

It is from the same perspective that we are tempted to term the 5-point programme, given by the young national leader, Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, as the blueprint of a cultural revolution. Whoever tends to confine this programme also to the narrow limits of its words is either mischievous or is unable to see beyond the outward appearances. Family planning, for instance, means to us much more than bringing the couples of reproductive age to the sterilisation centres. There should be no more delay in checking the growth of population since the demographical deluge is already fast closing in on us, threatening to throw all our socio-economic efforts off the balance. Then the problem of population growth in our country is coupled with the problems of ignorance, superstitions and obsolete social values. Naturally our family planning programme is so designed as to confront these problems as well. Likewise our struggle against the dowry system, or illiteracy or environmental problems holds the possibilities of accelerating into a cultural revolution.

DYNAMIC ORGANISATION

The Indian Youth Congress, it can be justifiably claimed, is a dynamic organisation with a nation-wide cadre of millions of honest and dedicated grass-root workers and a well thought-out programme. It has galvanised itself into unprecedented action and what it has achieved during the last 12 months can hardly be believed. We have undertaken the implementation of the family planning programme on national level and the message of planned parenthood has reached even to the remotest corners of the country. A massive anti-dowry compaign has been launched and hundreds of thousands of young men and women have pledged neither to accept nor give dowry. They are also actively engaged in uprooting this social stigma. These are being planted all over the country. A national literacy programme has been launched. Millions of young men and women are keeping their villages, towns and cities clean. Youths have also declared a war on caste and religious prejudices. Voluntary labour camps are being organised in rural and calamity-stricken areas with young workers belonging to various, State participating in large numbers. Besides these specific programmes, various State units have opened free legal aid cells, art and cultural cells and launched other benevolent programmes. There is hardly any area of the country's socio-economic life where the Indian Youth Congress workers are not countributing their mite.

The people of India unreservedly and wholeheartedly accepted socialism as their national objective under the enlightened leadership and guidance of Jawaharlal Nehru. Now our beloved leader, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has enshrined it into the national Constitution. We wish to achieve socialism through peaceful and democratic methods. The Indian Youth Congress declares that all its members are committed to the concept of socialism as suited to the genius of our people and are engaged in constructive activities designed to achieve the goal. We also declare that we are determined to build a socialist India free from injustice, inequality and exploitation. Each of us is dedicated to the tasks assigned by the organisation and historic necessities. We also declare our complete devotion to the ideals of the Indian National Congress and we pledge that we shall not be led astray from the path shown by the enlightened leadership of the party.

CREATIVE FORCES

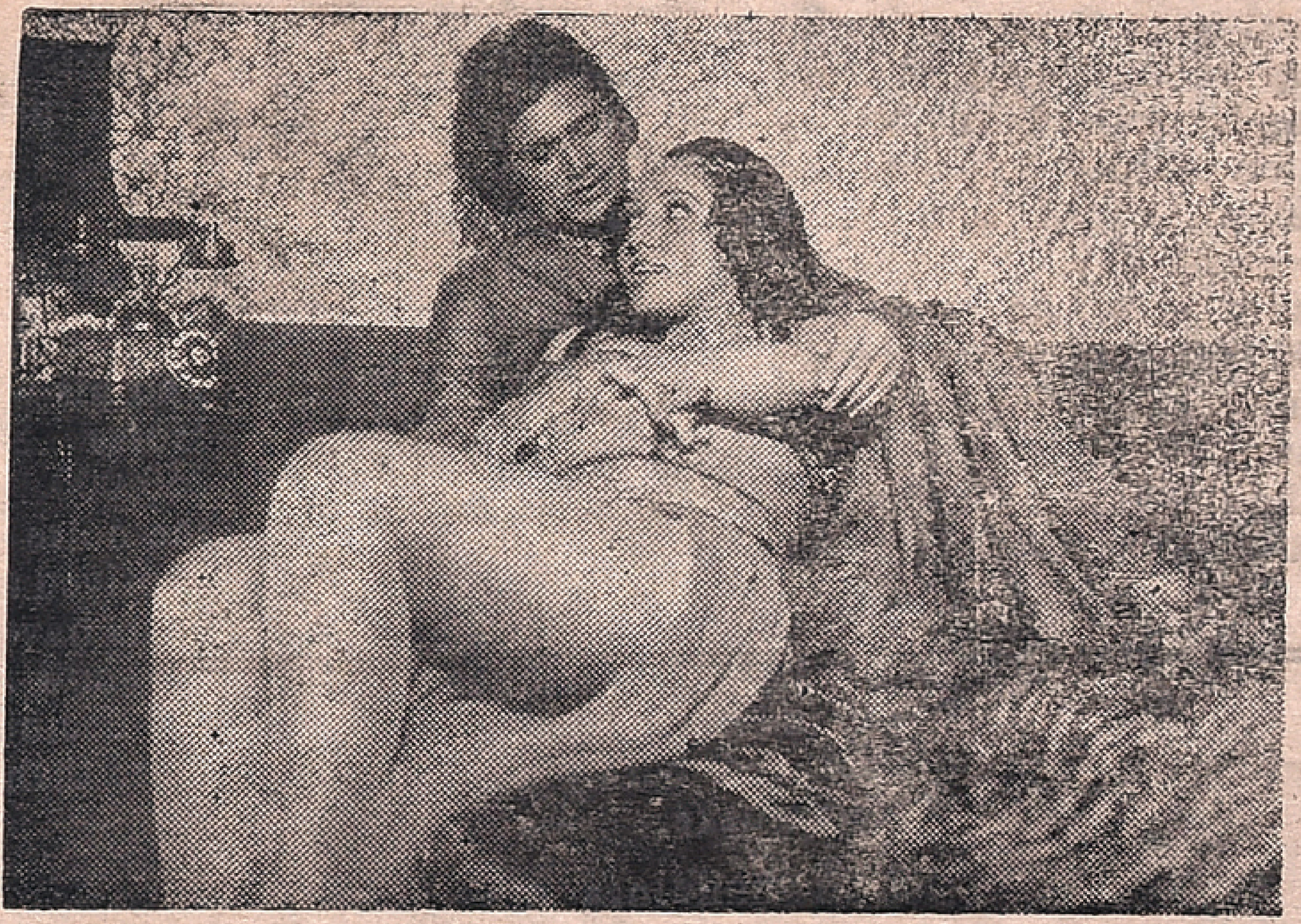
The powerful eruption of constructive and creative forces, the zeal for smashing old, rotten patterns and to discover new forms are not confined to our country alone. The countries throughout the globe, more so those with the unfortunate heritage of a colonial past, are to-day engaged in similar struggles. We, the Indian youth, wholeheartedly support the struggle for political, economic and cultural freedom of the newly-independent, developing nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America and firmly believe the sovereignty of every nation must be respected in the fullest sense of the term. We fully sympathise with the freedom struggle of the African peoples of Rhodesia and South Africa and we are convinced that the day is not far when the majority community shall stamp out the racist minority rule from their native lands.

The Indian youth is also fully aware of the Zionist threat to world peace and identifies itself completely with the Arab cause.

We are also vigilant against the socio-economic-political conspiracies of the neo-imperialist forces planned against the developing countries of the third world and we are determined to help in smashing them within the country and abroad.

We passionately believe in international peace, friendship and co operation. We, the youth of the progressive world, have the bounden duty to muster all our strength and contribute to the general struggle for peace since peace and democracy are indivisible concepts. We wholeheartedly express our solidarity with the nations which are trying with us to lay a firm material basis for world peace by taking up arms on behalf of equality.

Veteran actress Saira Banu as she appears in M. R. Productions' "Bairag" in colour now showing all over the country.



Rajesh Khanna and Komila Wirk in Bhappi Sonie's "Chetta Purza".

Indus Valley To Indira Gandhi: A Monumental Work

It is no easy task to narrate the history of any nation covering a period of fifty centuries on celluloid touching on the various aspects of the life of people of different periods and also bringing out the influence they have on had present day Indian society.

Mr. S. Krishnaswamy of Krishnaswamy Associates, Madras, has boldly ventured and succeeded in this attempt. He has written, narrated, directed and produced the film "Indus Valley to Indira Gandhi"—a monumental work—in two parts each running to two hours.

This film, in colour, will be inaugurated for public showing at New Delhi on December 9 by Union Information Minister, Mr. V. C. Shukla.

At Madras this picture is being released at Safire on Dec. 10.

Warner Bros, who are the distributors for the film, are looking after its worldwide screening.

Primarily meant for the T. V. viewers of North America, Europe and other parts of the world, it proves to be a good educative and informative film for the Indian audience too.

Though not a feature film in the stricter sense, the film sustains the interest of the audience throughout.

The first part deals with the period up the eleventh century beginning from the Indus Valley civilization of 3000 B.C. and the econd takes the lead from theres to the present day.

The film crew has travelled over 60,000 km cris-crossing the country, shooting on 120 locations.

It is the single most expensive non-fiction film made by any Indian film makes. It cost about 20 lakhs of rupees.

It took about twenty months to complete the film.

The credit for excellent photography goes to E. N. Balakrishnan and V. Balakrishnan.

Salil Choudhry has composed the music for the film which is pleasing and effective.

K. Selvaraj has edited the vast material given to him admirably.

The producer would have done well if he had included the part played by V. O. C. Bharathi, Subramanya Siva and others in the Freedom struggle and Tamil literary growth and Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar who threw open the doors of the Temples in Tirvandrum to the Harijans.

Vinod Khanna and Bindu in Tejnath Zar's "Ghamand" in Eastman colour. A. Salam directs.

F.F.C. To Build 16 mm Theatres All Over India

Film Finance Corporation of India plans to build a large number of cinema houses all over India with facility to show 16 M. M. films.

A number of film producers have announced that they plan to make films only in 16 mm because of the FFC's plan to build 16 mm theatres. According to the producers it will save atleast rupees five lakhs per Hindi movie in the production cost.

Colour stock for 16 mm films are available in plenty. And there is facility available in Indian labs to make 35 mm prints from 16 mm negatives. So there will not be any difficulty in making available 35 mm prints to existing theatres.

Many of the producers in Bombay are planning to shoot films in 16 mm hence forth it is learnt.

Thani Kudithanam

Many a sucessful stage plays in Tamil have been made into films. Some of them proved to be hits on the screen also and some have failed.

THANI KUDITHANAM, which was staged more than 100 times and still going strong, is being filmed by Shanmugamani Films.

The cast of the film includes Cho, K. R. Vijaya, Major Sundararajan, Mahendra, V. K. Ramaswamy, Pandaribai and Sangeetha.

'Vietnam Veedu' Sundaram is writing the screenplay and dialogues. S. A. Kannan directs the film for producer Chitoor Shanmugam.

Vazha Ninaithal Vazhalam

Shooting of Sri Kamakoti Movies' "Vazha Ninaithal Vazhalam" commenced recently at A. V. M. Studios.

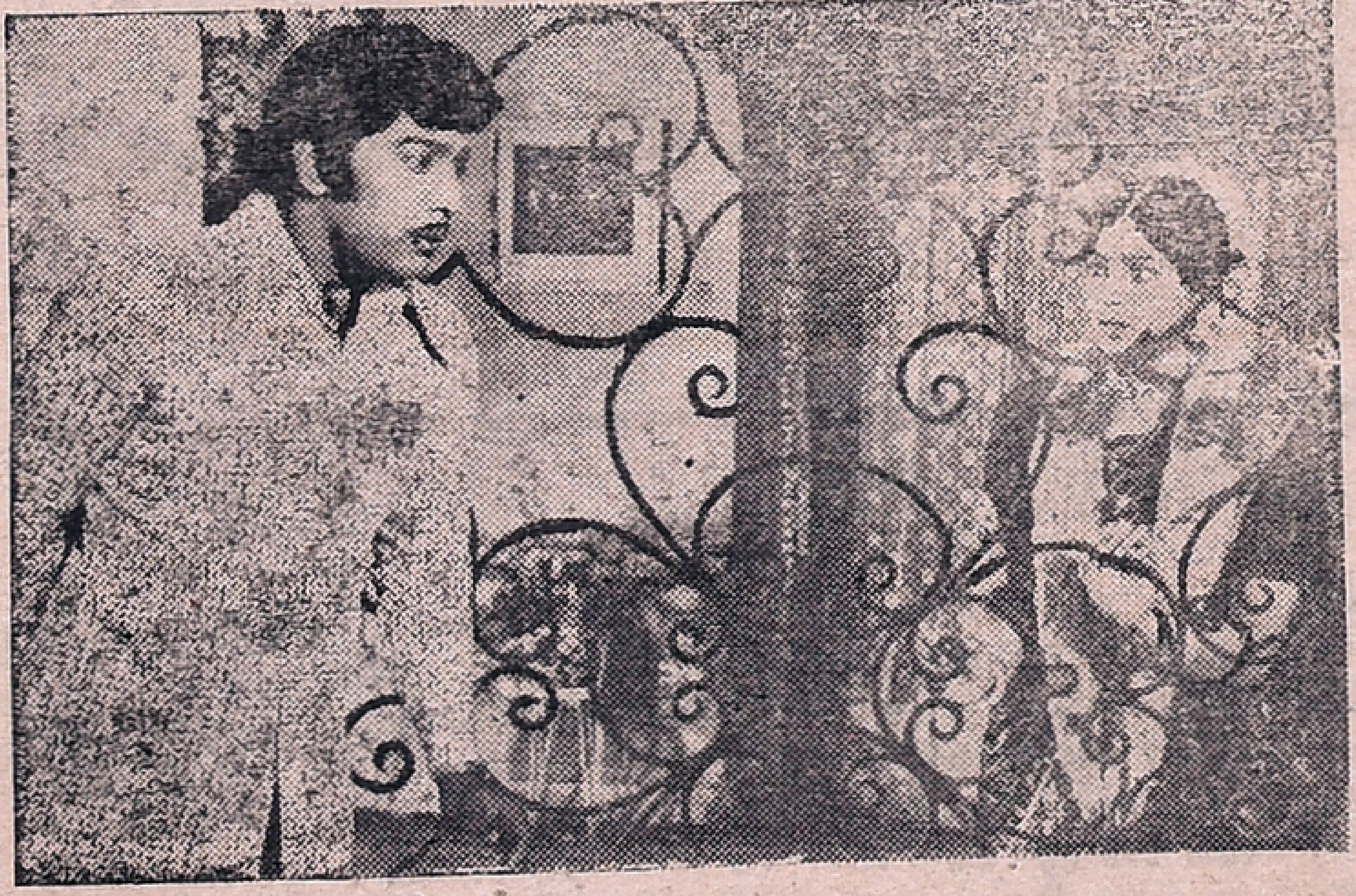
Based on a novel by Manian, the screen play and dialogue are written by Panju Arunachalam.

The inaugural function started with K. R. Vijaya lighting the kuthuvilakku in traditional style and director K. S. Gopalakrishnan switching on the camera. As SP. Muthuraman clapped, P. N. Sundaram shot the first shots as directed by P. Madhavan.

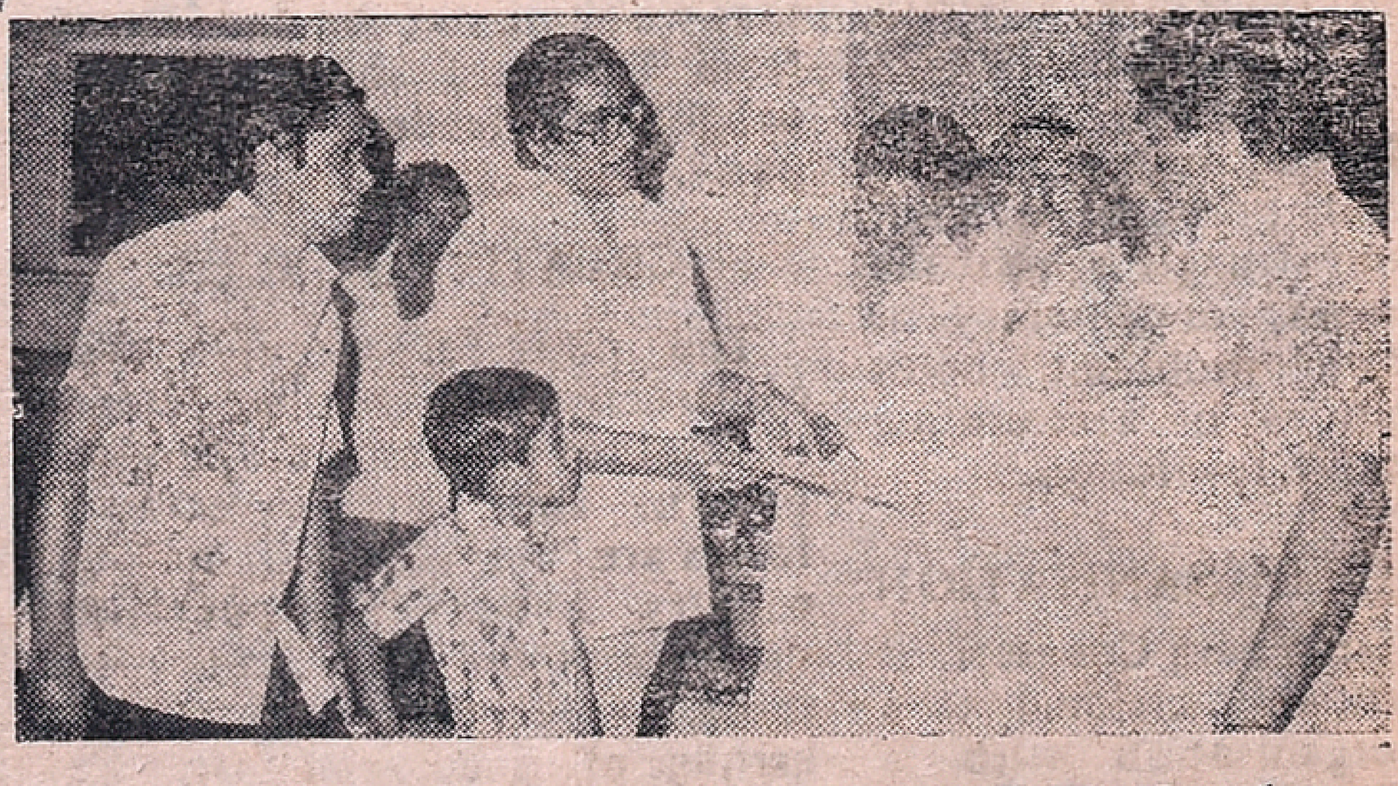
Devaraj-Mohan directs the film for producer Subha Sundaram.

Jaishankar and Sripriya are cast in the lead roles and Cho, Thengai Srinivasan, Manorama, S. N. Lakshmi and Jayadevi are in the supporting roles.

V. Sivram, Chief Sound Engineer, Vijaya Vauhini Studios, Madras (with garland) is seen with Loganathan of CTA, S. V. Venkataraman (Vice-President) A. K. Sekhar (President) and G. V. Ramani (Treasurer) on his departure to Moscow at the Madras Airport.



Sujatha and Muthuraman in a tense sequence in the Tamil film "Sabalam" produced by Sethuraman. A. S. A. Prakasam directs.



K. S. R. Murthy, K. S. Sethumathavan, T. K. Vasudevan and M. S. V. Gopalakrishnan are seen in the above photograph taken on the occasion of recording a song for Chitranjali Film's latest venture in Malayalam.

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